

[0098] If “power-transmission enabled/disabled” of the apparatus status information indicates “enabled” as in the apparatus status information example illustrated in FIG. 6A (YES in step S560), the RX-CPU 202 determines that the power transmission apparatus 100 is in the power-transmission enabled state. In this case, the operation returns to step S554 and the RX-CPU 202 exchanges the apparatus status information with the power transmission apparatus 100.

[0099] On the other hand, when “power-reception enabled/disabled” indicates “disabled” (NO in step S560), the RX-CPU 202 determines that the power transmission apparatus 100 is in the power-transmission disabled state, and the operation proceeds to step S561. In step S561, the RX-CPU 202 displays a warning as illustrated in FIG. 9B to notify the user of the stoppage of the wireless power transmission, in the RX display unit 242, and then the operation returns to step S551.

[0100] According to the first exemplary embodiment, the RF detection unit 132 of the power transmission apparatus 100 detects the amount of the generated harmonic (13.56 MHz), which influences the contactless IC card 400, of the electric power wave emitted from the power transmission apparatus 100. The RF detection unit 132 dynamically controls the amount of electric power for power transmission, according to the result of this detection. Such processing can reduce influence such as heat on a contactless IC card equipped with an antenna having resonance frequency of about 13.56 MHz.

[0101] A second exemplary embodiment will be described. According to the second exemplary embodiment, a band pass filter (BPF) circuit is used for extraction of a frequency component that adversely influences a contactless IC card. FIG. 10 illustrates a schematic configuration block diagram of a power transmission apparatus 100A according to the second exemplary embodiment. In the power transmission apparatus 100A illustrated in FIG. 10, the same components as the components of the power transmission apparatus 100 are provided with the same reference characters as the power transmission apparatus 100. A power receiving apparatus has a configuration similar to the configuration of the power receiving apparatus 200, and thus will not be described.

[0102] The power transmission apparatus 100A illustrated in FIG. 10 includes, in place of the RF detection unit 132, an RF detection unit 132A, which has a configuration different from the configuration of the RF detection unit 132. FIG. 11 illustrates a schematic configuration block diagram of the RF detection unit 132A. As illustrated in FIG. 11, the RF detection unit 132A is configured such that a BPF circuit 310 is inserted between the RF matching circuit 304 and the RF rectification smoothing circuit 306 of the RF detection unit 132. In FIG. 11, the same components as the components illustrated in FIG. 3 are provided with the same reference characters as FIG. 3.

[0103] The BPF circuit 310 has a bandwidth in a range of frequencies near 13.56 MHz. For example, it allows, from the output of the RF matching circuit 304a, a wave of frequencies of ± 2 MHz centering on 13.56 MHz, to selectively pass. The BPF circuit 310 may be configured as a passive filter circuit including only a passive device, or may be configured as an active filter circuit by using an active device. Further, the BPF circuit 310 may be a circuit having a Fourier transform function, e.g., circuit that can perform fast Fourier transform (FFT). Furthermore, the BPF circuit

310 may have a circuit structure in which a passing frequency and a bandwidth thereof can be adjusted by the control of the TX-CPU 102.

[0104] A procedure of wireless power transmission, to be performed between the power transmission apparatus 100A and the power receiving apparatus 200 is similar to procedure according to the first exemplary embodiment. However, in the determination in each of step S502 and step S511, a detection output of the RF detection unit 132A is used in place of the detection output of the RF detection unit 132.

[0105] According to the present exemplary embodiment, since the BPF circuit 310 is inserted into the RF detection unit 132A, it is possible to detect more reliably the intensity of the frequency component, which greatly influences a contactless IC card, from the electric power wave in the wireless power transmission. Therefore, the influence on the contactless IC card can be reduced since the intensity of the electric power wave to be output from the power transmission apparatus 100A is more reliably controlled.

[0106] A third exemplary embodiment will be described below. Specifically, a power transmission apparatus configured to detect RF component intensity at a plurality of different points will be described. FIG. 12 illustrates schematic configuration block diagram of a power transmission apparatus 100B thus modified. The power transmission apparatus 100B illustrated in FIG. 12 includes RF detection units 132B and 132C, in addition to the RF detection unit 132. The RF detection units 132, 132B, and 132C have the similar configurations. The same components as the components illustrated in FIG. 1 are provided with the same reference characters as FIG. 1, and will not be described in detail. However, a function of a TX-CPU 102B or a function implemented by a program running on the TX-CPU 102B is the function of the TX-CPU 102 modified to enable evaluation of a detection result of the RF detection units 132, 132B, and 132C.

[0107] A power receiving apparatus for the power transmission apparatus 100B has the same configuration as the configuration of the power receiving apparatus 200. A sequence of wireless power transmission between the power transmission apparatus 100B and the power receiving apparatus 200 is similar to the sequence described with reference to FIGS. 5A and 5B. However, in the RF detect determination process in each of step S502 and step S511, “RF detection voltage < determination threshold” holds if the detection result of any of the RF detection units 132, 132B, and 132C is less than the determination threshold.

[0108] FIGS. 13A, 13B, and 13C illustrate a layout example of the power transmission apparatus 100B (its power transmission antenna 114, and the RF detection units 132, 132B, and 132C), the power receiving apparatus 200 (the power receiving antenna 204), and the contactless IC card 400. The RF detection unit 132 detects the RF intensity near the power transmission antenna 114, and the RF detection units 132B and 132C detect the RF intensity at a position laterally separated from the power transmission antenna 114, as illustrated in FIGS. 13A, 13B, 13C. The RF detection unit 132 disposed near the power transmission antenna 114 can effectively detect influence of a harmonic exerted by the power receiving apparatus 200.

[0109] FIG. 13A illustrates the layout example in which the power receiving antenna 204 is located in front of the power transmission antenna 114, while the contactless IC